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**From:** Chace Baptista <chace85@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 1:31 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** PVD Prep

To whom it may concern:

My name is Chace Baptista. I'm emailing you as a parent in the City of Providence and as a proud Board member of PVD Prep, a proposed new charter middle school that was approved last year to open to fifth and sixth grade students this coming September. I am writing to urge the Committee to vote NO on the proposed charter school moratorium bill.

PVD Prep school is six months away from opening its doors. We have leased a building in the West End of Providence. We've hired full-time staff and have already received more applications for enrollment than we have seats available in our founding class next year.

Our school is a local, grassroots, nonprofit organization governed by Providence-based educators, parents, and local community leaders. We've been preparing for over a year to offer an academically rigorous, high quality middle school option for families in Providence. Passing this bill would require us to turn away families that have chosen our school for their children, to lay-off educators who have made a commitment to teach in our middle school and to default on commitments that we have made to partners in the community.

We urge you to carefully consider the impact this bill would have on schools like ours that have already been authorized to open this fall and to vote NO on the proposed moratorium. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Chace Baptista